

NEWS RELEASE
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United States Attorney Deborah Gilg and the Lincoln Police Department and the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office announce the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release:

United States District Judge Richard G. Kopf sentenced Jemaine Sidney to 10 years in prison for possession of crack cocaine with the intent to deliver. A forfeiture of \$109.00 in cash seized from Sidney on March 12, 2009, was also ordered forfeited as drug proceeds.

On March 12, 2009, officers from the Lincoln Police Department executed a search warrant at an apartment on "L" Street in Lincoln where drug activity had been reported. Sidney was found at the apartment and hand-cuffed. While officers were searching the residence, they observed Sidney attempting to get into his pants pocket while still handcuffed. Found in his pant pocket were four baggies of individually packaged rocks of crack which totaled 44.09 grams. Sidney was arrested and taken to jail where another baggie was found in his possession which contained an additional 6.8 grams of crack. Also found on Sidney was \$109.00 which was from drug sales. Further investigation by law enforcement identified a number of other people who had been involved in buying and selling crack with Sidney.

Name of Defendant: Jemaine Laron Sidney

AKA: Jizzle

Age: 23

City of residence: Lincoln, NE

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty):

Count I: Possession with intent to deliver over fifty grams of crack cocaine Penalty: 10 years up to life in prison, up to \$4,000,000 fine

Count II: forfeiture of \$109 as drug proceeds

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: Lincoln, Nebraska

Location of Arrest: Lincoln, Nebraska

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug:

Others Charged in Same Scheme:

Relevant Dates:

Date of Alleged Crime: March 12, 2009

Federal Arrest Date: May 24, 2009

Date Complaint Issued:

Indictment Returned Date: May 20, 2009

Initial Appearance Date: May 26, 2009

Plea or Trial and Date(s): pled December 11, 2009

Sentencing Date: January 12, 2011

Next Court Hearing Type and Date:

Assigned Magistrate Judge: David L. Piester

Held without Bond, or Released from Custody: held

In Continuous Custody Since: March 12, 2009

Assigned District Court Judge: Richard G. Kopf

Initials of Assigned SAUSA/Preparer of THIS Release: JML